

## REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending and not amended herein. FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIG. 7, and FIG. 8 have been amended as shown in red on the attached copy thereof, and the enclosed FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 3A, FIG. 3B, FIG. 4, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIG. 7A, FIG. 7B, FIG. 7C, FIG. 7D, FIG. 8A, and FIG. 8B (as amended) are substituted to replace FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 3a, FIG. 3b, FIG. 4, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIG. 7, and FIG. 8 as filed. The Specification has been amended to be consistent with the amended figures. No new matter has been introduced. Examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe this Preliminary Amendment, including replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121, corrects the informalities referred to in the Office Communication dated June 28, 2004.

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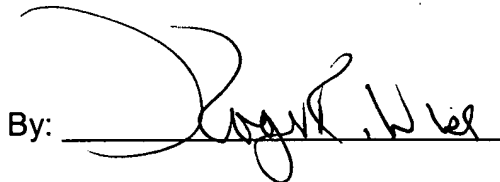
An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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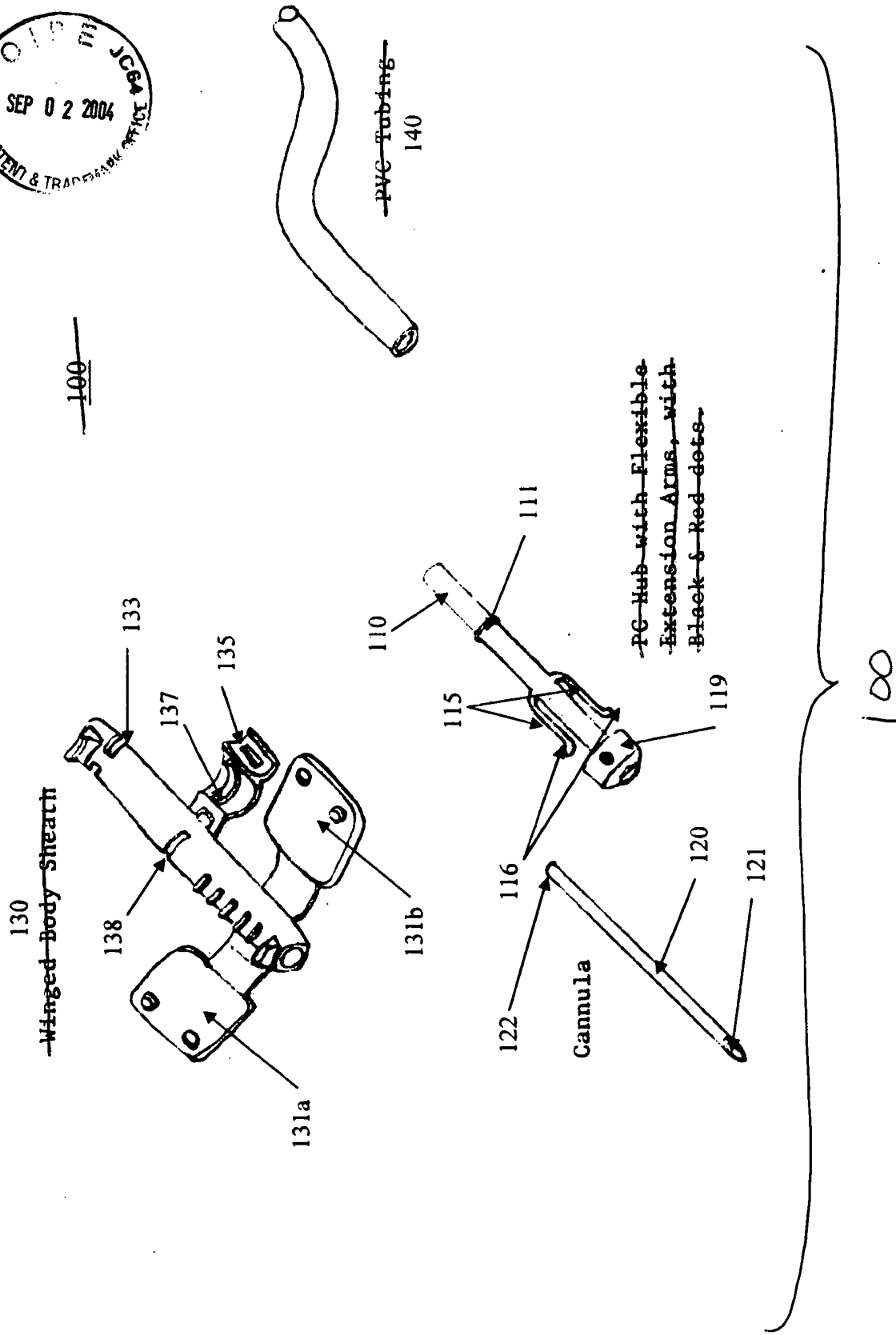
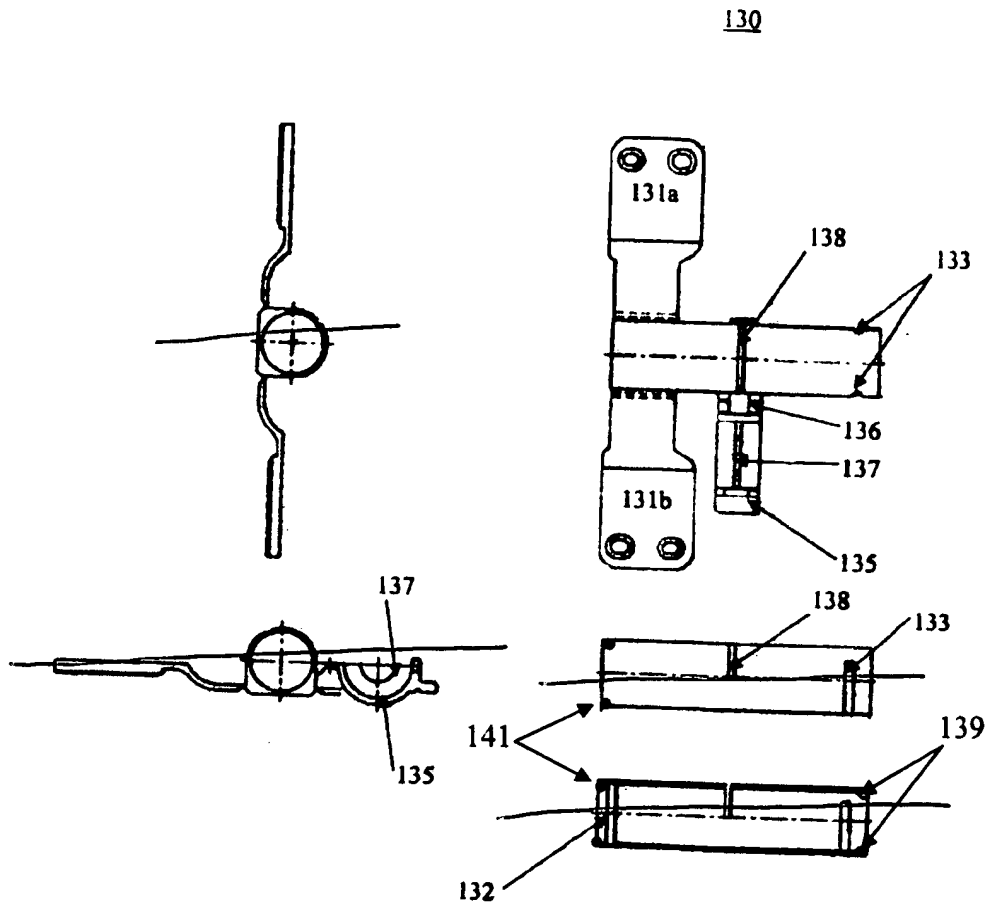


FIG. 1



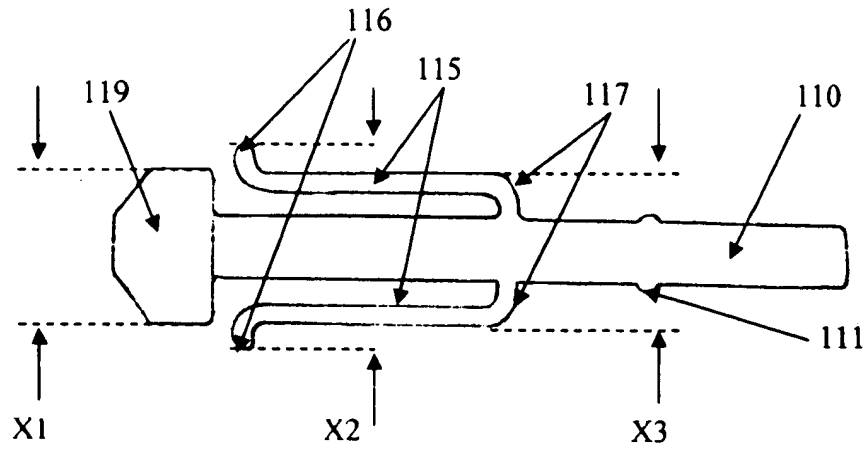


FIG. 3a

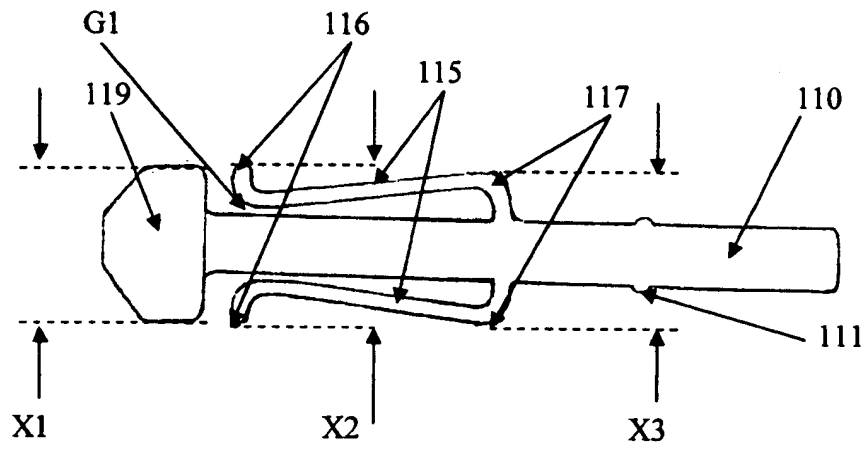
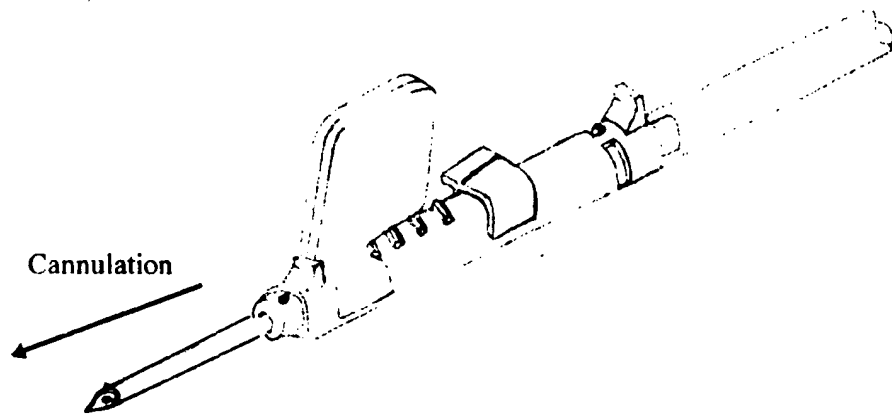


FIG. 3b



**FIG. 4**

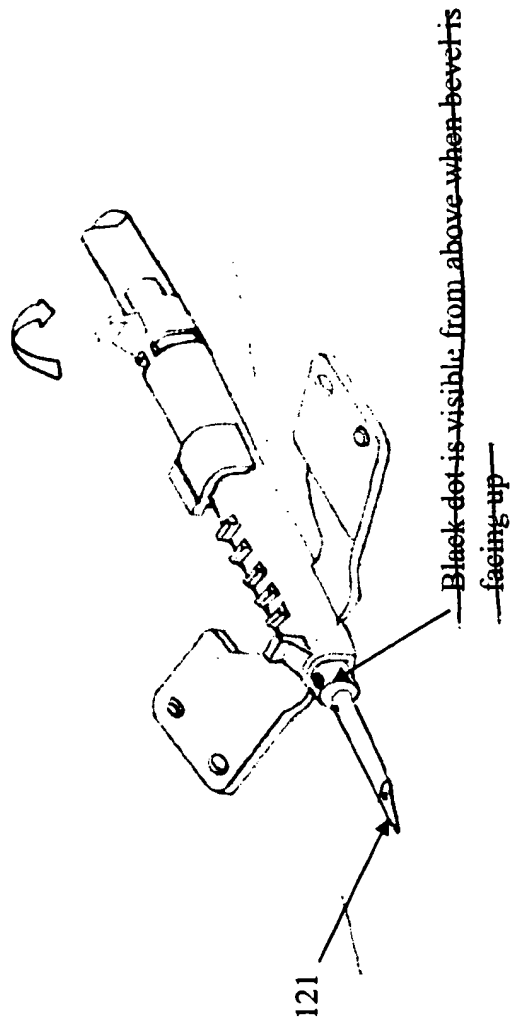


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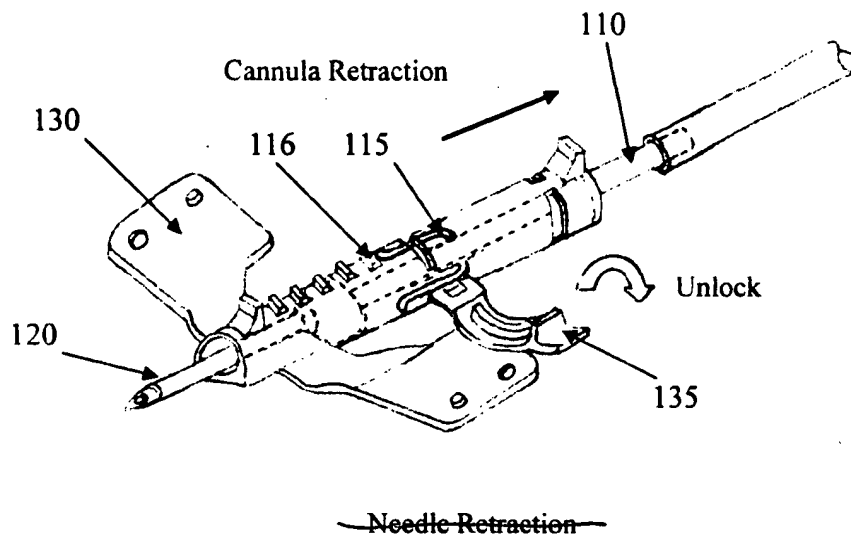


FIG. 6



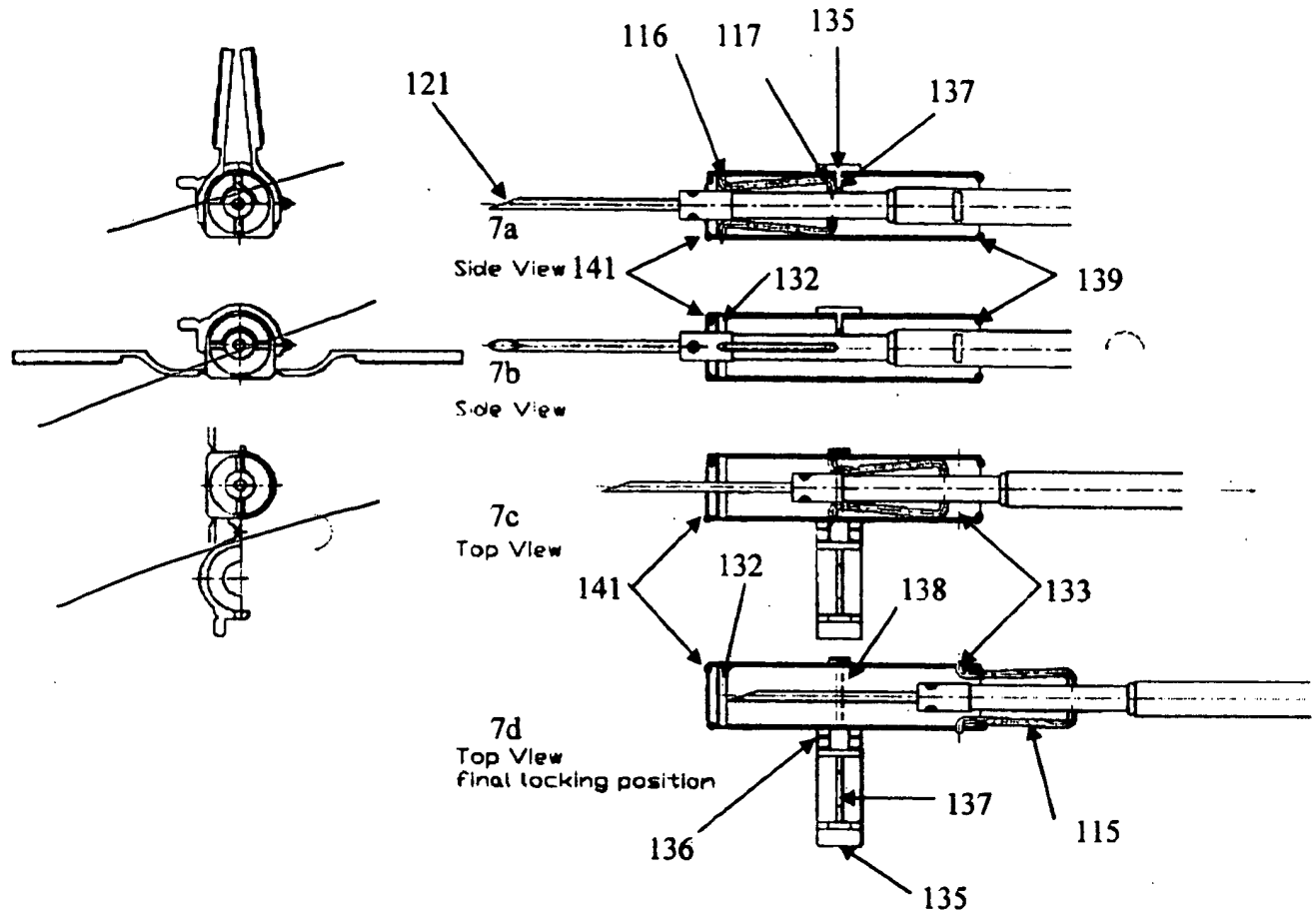
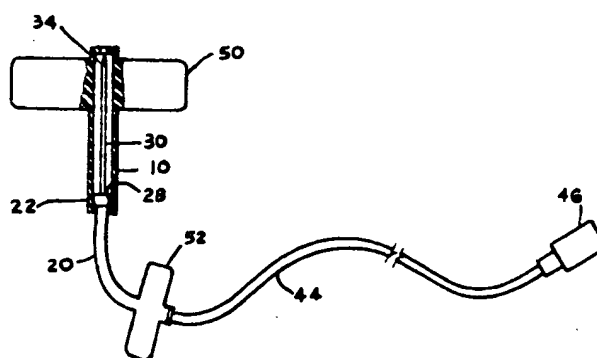
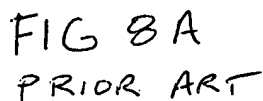


Figure 7

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIG. 7, and FIG. 8 as shown in red on the attached copy thereof, and substitute the enclosed FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 3A, FIG. 3B, FIG. 4, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIG. 7A, FIG. 7B, FIG. 7C, FIG. 7D, FIG. 8A, and FIG. 8B (as amended) to replace FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 3a, FIG. 3b, FIG. 4, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIG. 7, and FIG. 8 as filed.

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~~FIG. 8~~

FIG. 8B  
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